



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MICHAEL E. SAUNDERS

Colonel Michael E. Saunders serves as the Director of Installations for U.S. Air Forces Central Command (USAFCENT) at Shaw AFB, SC. He leads a 69-person staff responsible for Air Force construction and base maintenance support, as well as operational contracting support throughout US Central Command (USCENTCOM). The Colonel directs planning and execution of an \$800 million construction program, maintenance and sustainment of \$2.8 billion of infrastructure, and guides over 2,100 Air Force engineers and operational contracting professionals supporting the USCENTCOM area of operations.

Colonel Saunders was commissioned in 1990 upon graduation from the United States Air Force Academy. During his career he has served in a variety of base-level Civil Engineer positions and completed staff tours at Air Combat Command and the Air Staff. He served as commander of the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron at Kirkuk, Iraq; the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron at Al Udeid, Qatar; and the 316th Civil Engineer Squadron at Andrews AFB, MD. Additionally, Colonel Saunders commanded the 321st Expeditionary Mission Support Advisory Group based throughout Iraq and providing base support advice, education, and training for more than 7,000 Iraqi personnel. He has served as the Special Assistant for Transformation, Office of the Air Force Civil Engineer, Washington, D.C and most recently was the Vice Commander at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington D.C.



EDUCATION:

- 1990 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO
- 1994 Master of Engineering, University of South Florida, Tampa FL
- 1996 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2001 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 2005 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2007 Air War College (correspondence)
- 2011 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
- 2012 Air Force Leadership Enhancement Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Aug 1990 – May 1994 Readiness Flight Commander, Design Engineer, and Chief of Production Control, 56th CES then 6th CES, MacDill AFB, FL
2. Jun 1994 – Aug 1997 Chief of Base Development & Resources Flight Commander, 36th CES, and Executive Officer, 36th ABW, Andersen AFB, Guam
3. Aug 1997 – Jun 2000 Chief of Environmental Compliance, 86th CES, and Commander, Sembach Operations Flight, 786th CES, Ramstein AB, GE
4. Jul 2000 – May 2003 Environmental Program Manager, and Assistant Executive Officer, Office of The Civil Engineer, Pentagon, Washington DC
5. Jul 2003 – Jul 2004 Commander, Operations Flight, 89th CES, Andrews AFB, MD
6. Nov 2003 – Mar 2004 Commander, 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Kirkuk AB, Iraq
7. Jul 2004 – Jun 2005 Air Command and Staff College (ACSC), Maxwell AFB, AL
8. Jun 2005 – Jun 2007 Chief, SWA Construction Branch, and Chief, Contingency Programs and Operations Branch, HQ ACC, Langley AFB
9. Jul 2007 – Jul 2008 Commander, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Al Udeid AB
10. Jul 2008 – Jul 2010 Commander, 316th Civil Engineer Squadron, Andrews AFB, MD
11. Aug 2010 – Jun 2011 Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF), Ft McNair, Washington DC
12. Jul 2011 – Dec 2011 Commander, 321st Expeditionary Mission Support Advisory Group, Tikrit, Iraq
13. Jan 2012 – Jun 2012 Special Assistant to The Air Force Civil Engineer, Pentagon
14. Jun 2012 – Jul 2014 Vice Commander, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling and Commander, Air Force Element, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington DC
15. Jul 2014 – Present Director of Installations, USAFCENT, Shaw AFB, SC

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Air Force Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (6 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (1 Service Star)
Iraq Campaign Medal (1 Service Star)
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal (2 Service Stars)

ACSC Research Award for Logistics Excellence, Jun 2005

ACC Maj Gen L. Dean Fox Award (Senior Military Manager), 2008 (AF Runner Up)

Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Maryland #22940

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May 30, 1990
First Lieutenant	May 30, 1992
Captain	May 30, 1994
Major	July 1, 2001
Lieutenant Colonel	July 1, 2006
Colonel	Sept 1, 2011

(Current as of August 2014)